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In the Specification

At page 1, lines 7-16, please replace the following paragraph. The changes to the specification may be found on the attached sheet.

This patent document is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/124,124 filed on March 12, 1999 entitled "Shipment Transaction System And An Arrangement Thereof", which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/748,243 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,910,896), filed November 4, 1996, with the same title (USBA.02PA), both of which are incorporated herein by reference. This patent document is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/259,657, filed February 26, 1999, entitled "Shipment Transaction System and Method" (USBA.02C1), which is a continuation of the above application leading to U.S. Patent